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UNIFORMITY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to revise the Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) in order to bring uniformity in implementing the Watershed development programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether swot (strength, weakness, opportunity, threat) analysis is likely to be done in regard to various programmes of watershed management;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether community participation and involvement of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) is likely to be increased in these schemes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (A. NARENDRA)

(a) to (f) : The watershed development programmes of the Ministry i.e. the Desert Development Programme (DDP), the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) are already being implemented through common guidelines of Watershed Development with community participation and involvement of Non Governmental Organisations, where required. However, the Ministry has set up a Technical Committee on DPAP, DDP and IWDP to inter alia, address vital issues viz; convergence, equitable sharing of resources, peoples, participation, public-private partnership, etc. The Committee is to take in-depth stock of the strengths and deficiencies in the existing approach and recommend viable strategies/mechanisms for more meaningful implementation of these programmes.